HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 271 By Overbey

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Ruby Tuesday as Blount County's Corporate Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize exemplary businesses which make significant and long-lasting contributions to the community in which they are located; and

WHEREAS, The Blount County Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service will honor one such highly successful business, the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant chain, at its Second Annual Citizenship Award Luncheon on May 14, 2001 at the Green Meadow Country Club in Alcoa; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1972 by college students and named for a classic Rolling Stones song, Ruby Tuesday has its international corporate headquarters in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, The company has experienced steady growth with almost a billion dollars in annual sales and 500 locations; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, Ruby Tuesday has strongly emphasized providing excellent service to the public, a place where guests can relax and have a great dining experience; and

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WHEREAS, That continued emphasis on serving the public is also reflected in the many contributions made by the company and its local restaurants to community improvement; and

WHEREAS, Last year, Ruby Tuesday contributed more than \$200,000 to Blount County educational programs, and has also been an excellent supporter of community events; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we pause to honor the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant chain as it receives this much deserved recognition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend everyone affiliated with the Ruby Tuesday Restaurant chain on being selected 2001 Blount County's Corporate Citizen of the Year and express our deep appreciation for their outstanding professional and community endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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